the sale of local improvement bonds is not so

Contractors are not suffering so much from in-

ability to get their pay as some of the exaggerated

newspaper accounts would indicate. The Mayor

vesterday signed a warrant for \$107,000 in favor of

Cranford & Son. McKeever Brothers received

"I believe that the failure of contractors to put

in any blds is due to their having too much work

already. Then the three streets for which bids

were advertised were small, scattered contracts,

and on that account may have been thought

"The failure to sell bonds recently may have

caused a temporary delay in paying them. On

September 11 the bonds will again be offered for

sale, and my advices are that the banks will take

them. Contractors know that every dollar the city

"I am convinced that there is no feeling against

are a bad time in which to offer them. I hardly

think the silver agitation had an appreciable

effect on the sale, yet it is known that the money

orably since the Chicago Convention. Not that

Chicago Convention is against us and a forerunner

of what we might expect from the passage of a

"It is my policy as City Works Commissioner to

project and carry on all the public improvements

we can afford to pay for, because there is some

doubt as to what will become of Brookiyn after consolidation. Whatever improvements the Board of Aldermen and Legislature provide for I shall push forward, because if Brooklyn does not get

THEIR FRIENDS SURPRISED.

M'LEWEE AND MRS. MATHILDE

HALLAM ANNOUNCED.

The many friends of General F. C. McLewee, Inspect-

yesterday to hear the announcement of his engage-

ment to Mrs. Mathilde Hallam, widow of Dr. Albert

the General's friends, it was fully as much so to the

friends and intimate acquaintances of Mrs. Hallam,

e had any idea that she contemplat

ing again into the matrimonial state. Mrs. Hallam

MRS. MATHILDE HALLAM.

lives with her sister at No. 524 Bedford-ave. She was

fter his death Mrs. Hallam travelled with the Ideal

THE ENGAGEMENT OF GENERAL F.

This is the platform I stand on as a

and real estate markets have been affected unfav

people believe there is the slightest chance

City Werks Commissioner Willis said:

bad as it seemed at first.

unworthy of bidding for,

owes will be paid them.

free-silver bill.

10,000 22,500

The Litchfield heirs have come into the courts again with complaints against the Board of Asessors. Yesterday William C. De Witt, counsel for the beirs of the estate of Edwin C. Litchfield, obtained from Justice Clement, of the Supreme Court, a writ of certiorari to review the proceedings of the Board of Assessors regarding the property of the estate for the year 1896. The peitioners are Edward H. Litchfield and Grace Denio Litchfield, Individually, as trustees of H. P. Litchfield and the Brooklyn Improvement Company. The latter company was organized by Edwin C. Litchfield, and the controlling shares of its stock are held by his heirs. The petitioners hold many valuable plots in the Twenty-second Ward, and the petition for the review of the as-

sessments involves property in that ward particu-The assessments on the lots for the present year as compared with 1893 are as follows:

Edward H Litchfield, individually. \$179,929 Grace Denio Litchfield, individually. \$179,929 Az trustees of H. P. Litchfield. 11,999 Litchfield. 405,220 As trustees of H. P. Litchfield. 232,250 506,800 312,400

\$\$35,890 \$1,133,100 taxes imposed upon their estates by the boards of issessors. In their petition they say that for many years their property has been subject to unlawful, unjust and excessive taxation. In the last ten or twelve years they have paid to the city \$70,000 in taxes, and even yet they are in arrears more than \$90,000. They depose that, in order to get redress for the wrongs inflicted on them by the assessors, they were compelled to bring actions in the United States Circuit Court in April, 1894, and lititation over the taxes of that year and the year following is still pending in the State courts. The petitioners say that for three years there has been a great shrinking in land values. The action of the Board toward them is malicious and vindictive, they declare, because of the actions they have brought, in which they made attacks on the Board.

They allege, also, that the assessors have refused and neglected to tax from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000 of personalty in the city and a number of millions in the Twenty-second Ward. years their property has been subject to unlawful,

G. D. MATTHEWS HOME AGAIN.

HE HAD AN ENJOYABLE TRIP IN EUROPE AND MADE SOME CONTRACTS FOR

GOODS ON A GOLD BASIS. Gardiner D. Matthews, of the firm of A. D. Matthews & Sons, returned yesterday on the American Liner St. Louis from a two months' trip in Europe, where he combined business and pleasure. When seen by a Tribune reporter Mr. Matthews had only been in Brooklyn a few hours, and was found busily engaged in making a general review of his large drygoods store in Fulton-st. In speaking of his trip he "I took a tour through Ireland, Scotland and England, crossing over from Dover to Calais, thence to Brussels and Berlin. I made a thorough tour of all the manufactories, both large and small, with the purpose of getting more thoroughly acquainted with the methods of manufacturing and the class of goods manufactured; in short, to form a closer, relationship between the manufacturer and consumer. You will find in Europe that most of the goods exported to America are made in small factories in small factory towns. They do not do things on such a large scale as here. They do not take the risks we do. Almost all the goods are made to order. The factories all seemed to be prosperous, but naturally they were anxious to get orders. You can have anything made there which you wish to order. There is no end to their ingenuity. You would naturally suppose that ampaign badges would be distinctively an American product, and yet here is a McKinley badge (showing a good likeness of McKinley set in a glit wreath) which is being made in Paris and which the manufacturers are prepared to send here in large quanti-

facturers are prepared to send here in large quantities.

"Wherever I went the laboring people seemed to be fairly prosperous and contented. The wages are lower than in America.

"Yes, I made several large contracts for goods, purchasing such articles as can be obtained abroad to the hest advantage, and will not conflict with our domestic manufacturers. The silver scare here does not seem to affect the readiness which the foreign manufacturers always show in making American contracts. Such contracts have always been and will continue to be made on a gold basis. The general opinion abroad is that the United States would be extremely foolish to indorse anything but a gold standard. To read the London papers one would think that the bottom was falling out of everything over here. I was glad to come back and find things safe.

"After leaving Germany, I went to Milan, Florence, Rome, Naples and Pompeli. Going to Vesuvius, I was fortunate enough to find it in eruption, and brought home some specimens of lava.

"From Naples I went to Pisa, Genoa, Paris and Southampton, where I took passage for New-York, I left Naples just two weeks ago last Monday, spent a week in Paris, and here I am. That is quick travel-

yelt Napies just two weeks ago last Monday, spent a week in Paris, and here I am. That is quick travelling for you. I tell you, the world is not so large after all."

THE MAYOR WILL NOT BE PUNISHED.

AN APPEAL BY A CITY OFFICIAL ACTS AS A STAY IN MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS.

married to Dr. Hailam in 1894, but their married life was brief, as he died on January 9, 1895. Some time Sextet, a musical organization, and made a tour of the principal cities last winter. Mrs. Hallam is the The application of Eugene J. Comiskey to punish the Mayor for contempt because he falled to obey possessor of a beautiful voice, and is favorably known in musical circles of the city. She is now in Peekthe mandamus of the Supreme Court directing him o give a first-class theatrical license to the Surf Athletic Club of Coney Island was denied yesterday skill, where the General is at present engaged in his by Justice Clement. This decision practically means that an appeal acts as a stay in mandamus It was said yesterday that General McLewee first met Mrs. Haliam at the St. Nicholas Hotel in Peek-skill a year ago. The State camp is three miles away from the hotel, but that did not prevent the General and several of his officers from attending a social duties with the State camp. proceedings when brought against a city official. When the mandamus was served upon the Mayor, he said that he would not grant the license, as he had consulted counsel, who informed him that an appeal, which he would take to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, would act as a stay. Then the application was made to punish the Mayor for contempt. The motion was argued at length, General Jenks appearing for the club and Assistant Corporation Counsel Cooke for the Mayor. The Surf Club has been trying to give boxing exhibitions at the island for some time, but, as the Appellate Division does not meet until October, and the appeal cannot be heard until that time, it seems probable that no exhibitions will be given until winter. proceedings when brought against a city official.

RELATIVES GIVE HIM UP FOR DEAD.

PREDERICK J. LOWREY WAS ON THE WRECKED

VESSEL CITY OF PHILADELPHIA. Frederick T. Aldridge, a brother-in-law of Frederick J. Lowrey, the bookkeeper of the Dime Sav-ings Bank, now thinks that Mr. Lowrey is dead Mr. Lowrey, who was in poor health, started on a sea voyage on the City of Philadelphia for San Francisco by way of Cape Horn early last Febru-ary. Some time ago the City of Philadelphia was reported lost, but Mr. Aldridge would not believe the report, and continued his inquiries. Thursday Mr. Lowrey alive. He got a dispatch from San Francisco, saying that the ship Santa Clara had Francisco, saying that the ship Santa Clara had arrived at the Golden Gate City with information which almost confirms the loss of the ship on which his brother-in-law sailed. It was learned some time ago that certain goods which had been washed ashore on the Falkland Islands were only on the City of Philadelphia and the Santa Clara. Now that the Santa Clara has arrived safely in port, there is no doubt in the minds of those most concerned that the wrecked vessel was the City of Philadelphia. Mr. Lowrey left a wife and two little girls, who are living in this city.

MRS. SARAH S. DUFFIN'S DEATH.

SEVERAL UNDEFENDED CASES BEFORE JUSTICE CLEMENT YESTERDAY. the following year. Several months ago Mrs. Duffin was attacked with inflammation of the lungs. She had apparently recovered, but only recently the trouble reappeared, and her age and feebleness were not able to withstand its severity. Mrs. Duffin had been a member of Dr. Storrs's church for forty years. The funeral will probably be held this afternoon at Mr. Sheldon's residence.

Justice Clement granted a decree of absolute a divorce to Gideon Tucker Pearsall from Winifred A. Pearsall, whom he married on April 12, 182. The plaintiff separated from his wife in 1894. On the petition of Lizzie Gandenburg, Justice Clement granted a decree annuling her marriage to Alfred Gandenburg on July 2, 1895.

Judgment of separation was given in favor of Kate Klesenkamp against John Klesenkamp, to whom she was married on February 8, 1889. The plaintiff lives at No. 83 Douglass-st., and the defendant at No. 155 Kosclusko-st. The plaintiff testified that her husband ill treated her, and that finally she was compelled to leave him for fear he would kill her.

In the suit of Edmund C. Richter for an absolute divorce from Elizabeth Richter, whom he married on October 3, 1856, the plaintiff testified that he learned last April that the defendant had been unfaithful to him, and then he left her. The case was adjourned for the production of further proof.

HE DECLINES THE IVTH DISTRICT CON- DUCAS TRIED TO KILL HIMSELF IN MANY GRESS NOMINATION.

WHAT COMMISSIONER WILLIS SAYS ABOUT CON- BRYAN AND SEWALL AND SILVER TOO MUCH FOR A PROMINENT DEMOCRAT-WHERE THE

> VICTIM WILL BE FOUND. Gold Democrats in Brooklyn, like their brothers in other parts of the country, are thrusting honors from them, when the attainment of such honors requires their running on the same ticket with Bryan and Sewall. John Green, Editor of "Bradstreet's Review," and a prominent Democrat, llving in the Eighth Ward, has just refused a nomination for Congress, which, though not offered to him by a convention, was, under the machine politics that prevail in the Democratic party, offered with just as much certainty as if it came

from a convention. The IVth Congress District is made up of the Eighth, Twelfth, Twenty-fourth, Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second and parts of the Twenty-second and Twentythird wards. It is practically controlled, so far as the Democratic nomination is concerned, Senator Michael J. Coffey, of the Twelfth Ward, and Daniel Ryan, of the Eighth. These two men, having pre-eminently the arts of the practical politician, never procrastinate when anything political To assure their controlling their is to be done. To assure their controlling their Congress convention, they looked around them a Brooklyn bonds, but that the summer months day or so ago for an available candidate, and selected Mr. Green. They went to him and asked him to make the race. He declined, positively. He said that he should enjoy the duties of a Congressman, but that his conscience would not permit him to go into a campaign as a candidate and support the Populistic platform adopted at Chi-Bryan's election, but the scare created by the

Mr. Green lives at No. 301 Fifty-fourth-st., in a handsome brownstone house. He has been more or less active in the intellectual end of politics. He went as a delegate to the recent Democratic State Convention, and gained a wide reputation for the able manner in which he fought the bimetallism plank, drafted by Whitney and Hill. He made a strong argument for the single gold standard, and after the meeting was over Mr. Whitney congratulated him upon his comprehensive grasp of the currency question. When Mr. Green goes to the poils this fall it is safe to say that he will not east his vote for Bryan and Sewall. It is now like, that the nomination will go to the other end of the district, probably to the Twenty-fourth Ward. Walter L. Durack is a candidate, but Frederick B. Bailey, a lawyer, and former president of the Young Men's Democratic Club, is by all odds the leading candidate just at present. Mr. Bailey is a member of the Democratic General Committee, and, while his record is clean and he has exhibited much independence of thought and action, his unfalling courtesy and fairness have made him far from objectionable to the machine men.

J. Gratton McMahon is making a night and day canvass in the Hild District, and is at present leading in the race for Congress. Former Congressman Clancey would like to return to Washington, but he is not likely to this year. McMahon has no objection to silver that will prevent his securing the nomination. as a delegate to the recent Democratic State Convenmprovements now it may have to wait a long time Brooklynite.

'However, until another sale of bonds is effected it will be wise to go slow with improvements. Formerly one-half of the assessment against property-owners for their share of the expense of paving was obliged to be paid in advance. But this is no longer the case, and the new system makes payments drag. was obliged to be paid in large was obliged to be paid in large. The case, and the new system makes payments draw.

"I have nothing to do with the financial end of the improvements. When I sign the contract it goes to the City Controller, whose duty it is to certify whether there is money to pay for the contract or not. Under a recent decision of the court the Controller may so certify if funds have simply been provided for."

Mayor Wurster agreed with Mr. Willis that the reason there were no bids on this last batch of specifications was that the contractors all had as much work as they could dispose of at present. The streets upon which it was proposed to lay asphalt were not considered desirable, one being a one-block job, and another being on a railroad. Controller Palmer said that he was meeting all bills as fast as they were presented. The Legislature had authorized the issuance of about \$50,000 more of bonds for local improvements, and when these are sold in September, as they undoubtedly will be, the necessary paying will be pushed.

ENGINE STRIKES A TROLLEY-CAR. THE LATTER WAS HELPLESS ON A CROSS-

ING-PASSENGERS ESCAPE IN TIME. An exciting incident occurred early yesterday morning, when an engine of the Long Island Rail-

road bore swiftly down upon a helpless trolley-car which was standing on the tracks at the crossing of Nostrand and Atlantic aves. The car was No 3,029 of the Brooklyn Heights system, and was returning to the city from Bergen Beach with about half a dozen passengers. When the car reached the railroad tracks the gates were up and the track clear. The car had reached the middle of the or-General of the State Militia, and a member of Gov-ernor Morton's military staff, were much surprised crossing when the trolley pole slipped off the wire, stopping the car and leaving it in darkness. Th conductor had vainly attempted to adjust the pole several times, when a warning cry from the flagman caused him to run for his life. Engine No. 20 C. Hallam. If the announcement was surprising to was returning from the Flatbush-ave, station, and the engineer could not see the darkened car as he approached Nostrand-ave.

The warning was given just in time, and the few passengers and the motorman hastily leaped to the ground. A moment later the engine hurled the empty car twenty feet away. No one was injured, the thankful passengers walked home only too

but the thankful passengers walked home only too gladly.

This crossing is said to be the most dangerous in the city, as three of the busiest lines in the city use these tracks. The Brooklyn Heights Company's Prospect Park and Bergen Beach lines and the Nassau Company's Coney Island line from the Eastern District run cars over this crossing, sometimes in a continuous line, crowded with pleasure-seekers. The Long Island Railroad also runs its seashore trains at short intervals.

KILLED BY A SPIDER'S BITE.

A YOUNG WOMAN SUCCUMBS TO BLOOD-POISONING-BITTEN A WEEK AGO. Miss Cora Sanfelise, a beautiful young woman

who lived at No. 562 Lexington-ave., died yesterday 5 o'clock from blood caused by the bite of a spid-

On Friday, July 21, Miss Sanfellse felt a bite on her left leg. Examination showed what caused it, and she killed the insect. No particular attention, however, was paid to the bite until after twelve or fourteen hours, at which time there was so much swelling and pain that the family called in Dr William E. Wamsley, of No. 797 Putnam-ave

At first there was only a small round spot, in the middle of which was a smaller black spot, this black spot not being larger than the lead in an ordinary leadpencil. Dr. Wamsley treated this with a solution of lead and opium, and the black spot disappeared. The swelling, however, con tinued up the limb until it had reached the hip. Her temperature was high, and at times she was delirious. When first bitten, Miss Sanfelise was extremely despondent, and assured her friends that she did not think she could survive her sufferings, but as the disease advanced she became m hopeful, and the evening before she died she sat her and talked pleasantly with the doctor and her

family. The advice of a number of prominent surgeons was obtained, with the view of seeing if there was anything that surgery could do, but there was anything that surgery could do, but there was nothing in that nature attempted. The limb was swollen to an enormous size.

The death certificate given by Dr. Wamsley assigns the cause of death to be septicaemia, due to the bite of an insect. That insect was a spider.

The friends of the young woman think that if the weather had not been so much against her she might have recovered. Before her death her pulse settled down to near the normal rate, and she was cheerful and hopeful.

Mr. Sanfelise, the father of the unfortunate young woman, is a Cuban, engaged in the wholesale tobacco business.

A STRONG INDORSEMENT.

THE TRIBUTE THE ACTIVE REPUBLICAN CLUB PAYS TO CONGRESSMAN ISRAEL F. FISCHER.

The Active Republican Club of the Twenty-fifth Ward has passed resolutions indorsing the candidacy of Congressman Israel F. Fischer, for rerenomination in the IVth Congress District. The resolutions are as follows:

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Whereas, Israel F. Fischer, of the Twenty-sixth Ward of Brooklyn, member of Congress from the IVth Congress District of the State of New-York, has merited the approbation of his constituents by the zeal, assiduity and constant attention given to his duties as Representative in Congress; and Whereas, The solution of the monetary question of the day in favor of the standard adopted at the recent Republican Convention at St. Louis depends upon the election to the LVth Congress of a majority of Representatives who are unalterably opposed to the free coinage of silver; therefore, be it Resolved, That the Active Republican Club of the Twenty-fifth Ward hereby testifies its approval of Mr. Fischer's record in the first session of the LIVth Congress, indozes his views on the currency and tariff questions, and expresses the utmost confidence in his ability to thoroughly represent in the future, as in the past, the interests of all residuals of the LIVth Congress Piteries. the future, as in the past, the interedents of the IVth Congress District.

A TROLLEY-CAR STOPS A FUNERAL.

THE OCCUPANTS OF THE CARRIAGE WERE HUR

While a funeral was on its way to Holy Cross Cemetery at noon yesterday, a Nassau car bumped into one of the coaches, overturning it and throwing the occupants to the ground. Mr. and

WAYS.

AFTER HE PAILED TO HANG HIMSELF WITH HIM SUSPENDERS HE ATTEMPTED TO BUTT

OUT HIS BRAINS.

Thomas Ducas a Pole was committed to tall to five days in default of \$5 fine by Justice Teals in the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday on the charge of intoxication. He looked ill enough to be sent to a hospital. Ducas is twenty-eight years old. lives at No. 39 South Third-st., and is employed in the Havemeyer sugar refinery. On Thursday after noon he was overcome by the heat and left the refinery afterward in the company of a fellow. employe. On the way they met friends, who gam some liquor to Ducas. The liquor seemed to cran the Pole. He acted as if his mind was unbalanced and at North Eleventh-st. and Bedford-ave he chased some children into a hall. Then a police man arrested him, and on the way to the Bedford. ave, station Ducas jumped out of the patrol wages He was locked up for intoxication, and shortly after midnight yesterday morning he tried to have after midnight yesterday morning he tried to have himself in his cell with his suspenders. The supenders were taken away from him. Afterway Ducas tried to butt out his brains against the way of his cell. He cut his head, and an ambulance surgeon stitched the wounds. Ducas quieted down, and it was thought that he would fall selent At o'clock he made another attempt to butt out his brains. This time he knocked his head against the bars of his cell door with such force that he blow stunned him. Again the ambulance was summoned, and when the prisoner's head was fressel his legs were tied and hands handcuffed. He seemed to have recovered his normal conditions when he was taken to court, and he told Justice Teale that he had no recollection of his exploits in the station-house.

A SUGAR SAMPLER MISSING.

John J. Lynch, a sugar sampler, twenty-nine years old, who lived with his family at No. 56 Driggs-ave., disappeared a week ago, since which time nothing has been heard of him. Two months ago his work became slack, and it worried his.
On the day he left home he said he was going to
Wall-st., New-York, to see about other employment. His relatives believe that he has met a
accident. The police were informed yesterday.

MUST KEEP AWAY FROM THE WIDOW Mrs. Mary Popstorf, a middle-aged widow, wha

lives at No. 829 Broadway and conducts a restaurant at No. 70 Broadway, was in the Lee Avenue Police Court yesterday on a summons swora out by William Fehiertz, who charged her with stealing \$5 from him. Mrs. Popstorf was represented by Oscar Langer. In denying the man's allegation the lawyer accused Fehlertz of having tried to swindle Mrs. Popstorf out of \$1,000. "Fehlertz." said Mr. Langer to Justice Teals

"met this woman three months ago, and when be heard that she had money he asked her to marry heard that she had money he asked her to marry him. She consented. Before they were to be mar-ried he induced her to buy out a restaurant at Na 70 Broadway, and then wanted her to transfer the place to him. She refused, and he became anno-ing to her. She then suspected that he was after her savings and refused to have anything more to do with him. He followed her about and begget her to marry him. He even went to her restaurant and chased away customers. She had to call a policeman and have him put out. This chars against her is a conspiracy, and there is nothing in it."

in it."

Mrs. Popstorf emphatically denied Fehlertz's allegation, and as Fehlertz had no corroborative endence, the Justice dismissed the case and warned the man to keep away from the restaurant.

MUSIC IN THE PARKS. 1

PROGRAMMES OF POPULAR MUSIC TO B GIVEN THIS AFTERNOON.

The usual band concerts will be given in Winthrop, Washington, Tompkins and Prospect parks at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The following programmes will be given at Winthrop Park by Halle's Concert Band:

"Hail Columbia" March, "Nijelungen"

March, 'Niselungen' Wagae
Overture, 'Martina' Flotow
Waitzes from 'The Wizard of the Nile' Herbert
Saxaphone solo (selected).
Potpourti, 'Gems of J. L. Molloy' R. L. Halle
(introducing the most popular of the famous song writer's
compositions, with solos for the various instruments,
and concluding with a grand finale, 'The Kerry
Dance.'')
Grand selection from 'The Jewess Halevy
Trombone solo (selected).
A. E. White

Trombone solo (selected).

(a) "Narcissus," from "Water Scenes". Nevia (Arranged by R. L. Halle.)

(b) March, "The Spartan" (first time). G. S. Moore Descriptive fantasie, "A Musical Tour thro" Europe" Synopsis—Introduction, departure from Berlin in a raliway train. Arrive at Vienna. Alistrian hymn, way train. Arrive at Vienna. Alistrian hymn, "Viva Italia." France, spend a jolly night in Paris, "Yiva Italia." France, spend a jolly night in Paris, "Spain with its characteristic dances. Scotland, England, Russia, where after hearing the National Anthem we start for home, stopping on the way through Hungaria, to hear some of the Gypsy music. Arrive at Berlin, "I am a Prussian." Finale.

March, "Coronation". Meyerber (Star-Spangied, Banger).

March, "Coronation"..... "Star-Spangled Banner"... The programme at

jes's 47th Regiment Band, is as follows

Salutation, 'The Star Spangied Banner', March, 'Opera Quean' (new), Overture, 'Rose of the Village' Gavotte, 'Gitarella Selection, 'Robin Hoof Intermezzo, 'Cavalleria Rusticana', Cornet solo, selected, Anto Schwarzkopf, Cornet Solo, Selected,
Anto Schwarzkopf,
Popular medley, "All the Rage",
Gems from the opera "Maritani",
Paraphrase, "How Fair Art Thou ,
March Comique, "Black America",

At Tompkins Park Louis Conterno's 14th Regment Band will give the following programme:

Fantasia, "Martha"
Hunting scene (descriptive), request.
Selection, frish airs
Galop de concert, "Railroad" idescriptive)
Two step. "Formation"
"Hail Columbia"

The programme at Prospect Park will be as follows, beginning at 4 o'clock p. m.:

"Star-Spangled Banner" Theodore A Kes March, "Jolly Minatrels" Theodore A Kes Overture, "William Tell" Rossid Piccolo solo.

Overture, "William Fell Piccolo solo. Signor Francesco Mulieri Suite de Ballet, from the Opera "Faust" Gound Caprice, "The Butterfly and the Bee" Medit Caprice, "The Butterfly and the Bee" Mrs Deeds (a) French Horn Quartet, "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming. Messrs Weston, Vokins, Wagner and Loett. (b) Popular Selections, introducing "These Wedding is Bells," "Rosey Possy," "Benches in the Park," etc., for bells and xylophone soles. "The Dervish's Patrol" Grand Selection from the "Lady Slavey" Australia Grand Selection from the "Lady Slavey" Grand Selection from the "Lady Slavey" Australia Grand Selection from the "Lady Slavey" Gr

The Prospect Park programme for to-morrow, beginning at 4 o'clock p. m., is as follows:

"America" Overture, 'Merry Wives of Windsor",... Sacred selection Cornet solo.

Sacred selection
Cornet solo.

Tom Clarke.

Fantasie. "Souvenir des Alpa"

Swiss air with variations for all seloisis.
Duet for cornet and trombone. "Excessior".
Tom Clarke and A. Floryn.
Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 2.
(a) Trombone solo. "Home, Sweet Home" and
(a) Trombone solo. "Home, Sweet Home" and
(b) Austrian lyra solo.
Mr. Joseph Adelman, assisted by xylophone.
Messrs. Charles Gordon and William Lowe.
"The Dervieh's Patrol".

The Pervieh's Patrol".

Fantasie. "A Summer Day in Norway."
March, dress parade.

Adolph Kirchner, conductor.

A GERMAN VISITOR BUNCOED. HE MET THE USUAL AFFABLE STRANGER AND

WENT WITH HIM TO CONEY ISLAND.

Alfred Halle, a well-to-do German, who stopped here on his way back to Germany, yesterday afternoon took a pleasure trip to Coney Island on one of the Iron steamboats. On the boat he made the acquaintance of an affable stranger, whom he describes as being about 6 for the boat he height scribes as being about 6 feet 2 inches in height.
The stranger induced him to go to a saloon at Surf-ave, and West Fifteenth-st, to have a drid. The saloon is kept by Peter Leonardis. The two The saloon is kept by Peter Leonardis. The two men became friendly, and began throwing dice for \$19 a throw. Halle lost steadily until the stranger had \$180 of his money, when another man entered the saloon and threatened to arrest both men for gambling. Halle did not want to be lugged off to the station-house, so did not object when the two men left the place together. They did not return, and, after meditating for some time, Halle came to the conclusion that he had been bunched, and told his story at the Coney Island police station. He described the third man as being about thirty-five years old, with good clothes and a dark mustache. The police are looking for the two men.

SAFE-BLOWERS GET SILVERWARE.

Francis D. Fry, who has a coal office on the pler at Bay Seventeenth-st., discovered yesterday that thieves had broken into his safe early in the moriing and taken a quantity of solid silverware. It is thought that the thieves got to the office in a rowboat, as it is almost impossible to reach the pier from the street unless a ladder is used. The list of articles stolen comprises eleven solid silver

MISMANAGEMENT OF BRIDGE AFFAIRS BY THE TRUSTEES.

TIME WASTED WHILE THE PUBLIC SUFFERS-IN-CONVENIENCES AND DANGERS WHICH A LIT-THE FORESIGHT WOULD HAVE AVOIDED -THE PART PLAYED BY EX MAYOR

HOWELL AND MR. KEENEY. the "Great American Public" is a most brow- exchange consisted of property in New-York in beaten and suffering body of citizens was never more clearly exemplified than by the attitude of Greater New-York's population toward that celessal piece of mismanagement known as the Brooklyn Bridge. Future historiens, when they come to collate plain unvarnished tales of happenings of this great metropolis, will doubtless deal harshly with that ancient and moss-covered institution which the citizens of this day know as the Brooklyn Bridge trustees collectively, but which is dominated by Mr. Howell, an ex-Mayor, and Mr. Keeney, an able coadjutor, who they will discover were the real trustees and conducted affairs to suit themselves. By careful analysis, they will doubtless conclude that in this self-contained Board Rip Van Winkle largely prevailed, and that the somnolent condition of the happy-go-lucky Rip showed forth in many things, with special reference to allowing needed improvements to drag their weary way through the course of many years, while the suffering public sweated and fumed and did nothing, and the trustees prated of their diligence and great public services.

When that happy time cornes it is to be the ancient spirit and prejudices of the time of by a well-known New-York club, and at one time

When that happy time comes, it is to be hoped that the great American public will have changed its attitude toward the present dilatory policy of public servants, and called to account future public bodies for manifest and unwarranted delinquencies. To come back to the present day, it is not going without the Lounds of truth to say that the unfortunate citizens who are compelled to patronize the Bridge are truly to be pitied, considering the multitude of inconveniences and actual suffering with which they are daily confronted. It is true that the reconstruction of the Bridge stations, a considerable work, fraught with much engireering difficulty, has been rearly accomplished. But there seems to be no plausible excuse for the great length of time through which it has dragged along. Should a private corporation have conducted operations with the turtle-like speed that the Bridge trustees have shown in their so-called "improvements," there is little doubt that that particular corporation would have gone to ruth long before the work was finished. But the Bridge trustees, conscious of their po-

litical pull and the "inflocence" which makes their positions secure, have gone to work like a latter-day tramp, who has nothing before him, and wants nothing but the morrow.

ten years ago, in 1886, the plans the present improvements were first to the public. Between that presented time and 1890 there were Board meetings with quorums, until, in 1800, the plans were submitted to a board of experts, and afterward the dear suffering public was invited to give its criticism of what was presented before it. Three years more of valuable time was wasted in what might have been accomplished within a few months. And so it was that about three years ago actual work was begun on the new stations and the changing of track grades and all other necessary work to accommodate a

rapidly growing traffic How the work has dragged, every unfortunate citizen of Brooklyn and New-York who is compelled to use the Bridge fully understands. It is nearly finished, and the latest dictum of Mr. Howell, ex-Mayor and obstructor of all sugestions from other sources rela

largement, is that November will see the Bridge work completely reconstructed. ENGINEER MARTIN HAMPERED.

In all fairness, it must be stated that Chief Engineer Martin and his assistants have done, in many respects, a great work, but they have been hampered by conflicting elements, known only to those on the inside. It is not to be supposed that such a work could be carried on without inconvenience on both sides, but it seems that it has dragged unnecessarily, and that the public has been at times outrageously inconvenienced, and in some particulars exposed to danger of life and limb. To controvert this, however, the Bridge management will point to its almost complete immanagement with point to its almost complete an-munity from fatal accidents to passengers on the trains during the thirteen years that the Bridge has been in operation. But there is daily danger to the 125,000 people who cross and re-cross the Bridge, and it is owing more to good luck than anything else that people in the im-mense crowds on the platforms have not been pushed off on to the tracks and ground to pieces. How a body of public servants could neglect such a necessary safeguard to life and limb as railings on the platforms of the two stations is one of those incomprehensible things which the public has asked a million times over.

THE CRUSH ON THE STAIRS.

It would seem, too, that with the seven years which the trustees and engineering experts consumed in formulating their plans, such a simple necessity as wider stairways might have been provided for. It has been the source of vigorous remarks by thousands of unfortunate passengers during "rush hours," who suddenly found themselves pushed down the narrow stairways and crushed almost into a jelly, that a little foresight might have provided much better accommoda-

tions in that respect.

But it was not to be. The engineering experts, in their deliberations, evidently wore dark-colored spectacles when they looked over this important feature of the plans, or else their thoughts and mechanical lore were wool-gathering at the time. As the improvements of the thoughts and mechanical fore were wool-gathering at the time. As the improvements of the
Bridge are now practically completed, they must
manifestly stand for a generation or more to
come, probably beyond even that, and continue
to be a source of daily jostiling and crowding,
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If Brooklyn's population is not increasing as it should, and its assessed valuation continues to remain at its present figure, the inconvenience of getting back and forth can be set down as a large factor. To look at the daily crowds who struggle back and forth from home to business is enough to sicken almost any man and woman. And it is only through sheer necessity, brought about by cheaper homes, that any reasonable, rational human being will continue to put up with the discomforts of the travel. Such a mixing up and immodest crush of sexes, has frequently been pointed out as something little less than appailing. Every day hundreds of delicate women, unable in truth to bear pushing and hauling, are compelled to undergo countless indignities put upon them by men who have no respect for age or sex. In summer days, when the thermometer is way above the eightles, the stifting atmosphere and the muss of moving and sticky humanity on the platforms is a condition paralleled in no other city in the world.

But this is not all. Taken together with the fact that the unfortunates are compelled to crawl laboriously up two long flights of stairs to reach the platforms and the slowness of the trains in crossing the Bridge, this phase of metropolitan life is made about as uncomfortable as it possibly could be. It would seem that the Bridge engineers could devise more comfortable means of approach to the platforms. It is folly to suppose that the two cities would not hail with joy the adoption of some feasible movable stairway, or large elevators, to raise the people to the platform. If it be necessary to lessen the Bridge grade to that height, then it is incumbent upon the experts to devise some means whereby Bridge travel will be tolerable and not a torture. The long walk from the street to the cars is bad enough in itself, but when to it is added the weary climb of two long flights of stairs, then life which calls for travel o

WHERE THE BLAME LIES, A BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL.

ARLINGTON APARTMENT BUILDING EX-CHANGED FOR NEW-YORK

PROPERTY.

THE LATTER IS IN FIFTH-AVE. OPPOSITE THE RESERVOIR-ISIDOR STRAUS IN TURN

RUYS THE ARLINGTON.

Yesterday contracts for a large real estate deal in Brooklyn were signed at the office of Frank A. The oft-repeated comment of foreigners that Barnaby, a Montague-st, real estate dealer. The Fifth-ave., between Fortleth and Forty-first sts., opposite the reservoir, 86 by 100 feet, and valued at \$475,000; and the Arlington apartment building in Montague-st., near Montague Terrace. The Brooklyn property has a frontage of 50 feet and depth of 100 feet. Its value is put down in the deal

The Arlington was owned by E. W. Bliss, who exchanged it for the New-York property, giving \$250,000 in cash difference. The Arlington was then sold for the new owner to Isldor Straus, of Abraham & Straus, for \$185,000 cash. The Arlington now rents for \$2,000 a year, and the new owner will renovate it and hold it for investment. It has the reputation of being the most successful apartment house in Brooklyn.

The New-York property is the same which was eagerly sought for a little more than a year ago

CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.

CONTRACTORS ALLEGED TO HAVE TRIED

TO DEFRAUD THE GOVERNMENT. United States Commissioner Morle gave a hearing yesterday in the case of the Government against Jeremiah M. Brosnan and John Brosnan, contractors, and Ernest Noack, Patrick McGuire and Robert McMath, charged with conspiring to defraud the Government. The charge in brief is that the Brosnan brothers secured a contract, to which The Tribune referred on Thursday, to build a rubbie wall at the Naval Hospital. The contract stipulated that the wall was to be built of durable stone, laid with mortar composed of clean, sharp sane and the best quality of Rosendale coment. The Government inspectors, after the wall was completed, discovered that a great part of it had been dered by the Navy Department, and the testimony showed, according to the report made, that the contractor on the work, and the other two men, entered into a conspiracy to do the work improp-The contract price was \$29,500, which, con sidering the labor and material saved by their fraudulent practices, would have left a considerable extra profit to the Brosnans had their alleged crookedness not been discovered. The first witness vesterday was Civil Engineer Franklin C. Prindle of the Navy Yard. Mr. Prindle said that he ex amined the wall and found that it did not mee requirements. He opened it in many places and discovered that in each place little cement had been used. From the outside the wall looked as it it had been properly laid. It was erected, he said, under the supervision of Medical Inspector Pen rose, in charge of the hospital. Sub-Contractor Noack, the witness said, told him that he was re

Noack, the witness said, told him that he was responsible for the work.

"Mr. Brosnan," said the witness, "asked me not to be hard on him."

Joseph Hildebrand, a laborer employed by Noack, testified that when the inspectors were present the work was properly done, but as soon as they went away the workmen put in little cement between the stones. He also said that the contractor kept a man specially to watch for the approach of Dr. Penrose and the other inspectors and the architect. When they would come in sight the watchman would say: "Here comes Penrose and the inspectors. Put in cement, quick." He also testified that, although the Brosnans were not at the Navy Yard every day, no signals were used when they came to see the work. The hearing will be resumed this morning.

ROBBED WHILE SHE SLEPT.

THIS BURGLAR TOOK A RING FROM THE FINGER

was committed at the home of Spencer T

Pratt, a broker, of No. 114 McDonough-st On Wednesday evening last a young man, calling himself Mr. Lewis, went to the house while the family was at supper and said to a servant that he wanted to see young Mr. Pratt. He was invited to walt and take a seat. A few minutes later M: Pratt went upstairs, only to find that his visitor

had disappeared. Mrs. Pratt was aroused from her sleep about ? clock yesterday morning, when she saw the shadow of a man in the room. She at once gave an alarm, but no trace of him could be found. The burglar had actually taken a ring from her finger the slept, as well as jewelry, money and silverware valued aitogether at about \$400. The police say that they have a clew to the robber and expect to arrest him.

VACOB KLEIN OUT ON BAIL.

THE BROWNSVILLE TAILOR ACCUSED OF ARSON IS OUTSIDE THE JAIL WALLS.

Jacob Klein, who is charged with arson in the first degree, was admitted to ball yesterday in \$500. Klein has been in jall since last February, and during that time he has been twice tried, each time the jury disagreeing and a majority of the juryme voting for his acquittal. A few days ago Robert H. Elder, Klein's counsel, applied to Justice Clem-H. Elder, Klein's counsel, applied to Justice Clement of the Supreme Court to have Klein released on small bail or to have him discharged on his own recognizance. Justice Clement fixed the bail at \$500, and this morning he signed the bond of two Brownsville sureties. Morris Ribstein, a tailor, of No. 428 Watkins-st., qualified in \$5.000, and Simon Klein, a foreman tailor, of Watkins-st., between Blake and Sutter aves., who is not related to the defendant, qualified in \$4.000. Mr. Elder hurried to the jail as soon as the bond was approved with a number of the Brownsville friends of the prisoner. Klein was taken away with much rejoicing among his Hebrew friends.

BATH BEACH TO HAVE A CYCLE PARADE.

Bath Beach is to have a bicycle parade. The ffair, which is being arranged by Edward C affair, which is being arranged by Edward C. M. Fitzgerald, proprietor of the Avoca Villa, will take place on the evening of August 15. The parade will be formed in Cropsey-ave., near Bay Nineteenth-st., at 7:30 o'clock, and the line of march will include the principal streets and avenues of the place. A handsome prize valued at \$50 will be given to the club having the largest representation in uniform, and to the club having the next largest number of members in line a prize valued at \$55 will be given. A dance will follow the parade at the villa.

THE REV. J. G. BASS'S ANNIVERSARY. The Rev. Job G. Bass has spent thirty years of aithful service among the unfortunates and crimnals of this city as chaplam of the Kings County Penitentiary. His thirtieth anniversary will be celebrated by appropriate exercises at the peniten-tiary on August 16. There will be addresses, and

probably a testimonial will be presented to the veteran chaplain on that occasion.

Few men are held in more honest respect by all who know him than the Rev. Job G. Bass. His many years of heroic and self-sacrificing effects to raise the criminal classes from their slough has endeared him to the citizens of Brocklyn, irrespective of creed, race or color.

The committee having charge of the celebration is composed of Dwight Johnson, Theodore L. Cuyler, Cornelius D. Wood, Mrs. Benjamin Van Delft, G. L. Lacheur and the Rev. Charles King.

The admittance will be by ticket only, to be obtained from any member of the committee while they last. veterap chaplain on that occasion.

ANTI-WORTH PEOPLE CONFIDENT,

A number of Wurster-Willis leaders have been holding informal conferences of late, and, after carefully canvassing the situation in their various bailiwicks, have reached the conclusion that in the approaching Assembly district conventions, which approaching Assembly district conventions, which will choose delegates to the State Convention, the anti-Worth people are as certain to carry fifteen out of the twenty-one districts as there is a certainty of anything in politics. This will give them seventy out of ninety-two delegates.

Mrs. Sarah S. Duffin, of this city, died at Glens Falls, N. Y., where she had gone for the summer, on Thursday. Mrs. Duffin was the wife of Dr. John P. Duffin, who for thirty years had an office at Clinton and Joralemon sts. Mrs. Duffin, after the death of her husband, made her home with her brother. Henry Sheldon, of No. 124 Pierrepont-st. She was born in Charleston, Montgomery County, this State, about seventy years ago, and was mar-ried to Dr. Duffin in 1852. They came to Brooklyn

THE DEATH OF WILLIAM WENTZ. William Wentz, well known in the Twenty-third

Ward as a Republican, and a member of the Levi P. Morton Club, died at 1 o'clock yesterday morning at his father's home, No. 174 Bainbridge-st. Mr. Wentz had been suffering for over a year with concomption, and only three months ago returned from Colorado, where he spent some time in hope of warding off the disease. Shortly after his return of warding off the disease. Shortly after his return he went to the Catskills, and last Monday his condition became so alarming that his father was sent for. Mr. Wentz immediately brought his son home. They arrived early Thursday morning, and the young man continued to sink rapidly. He was twenty-four years old. He had been active in politics, and was associated in business with his father in Washington Market, New-York City. The funeral will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in the chapel at Calvary Cemetery. BRIGADIER-GENERAL F. C. M'LEWEE,

function at the hotel one night. During the evening Mrs. Hallam sang a number of songs, to the delight of every one present, and especially pleasing to General McLewee. He sought an introduction to Mrs. Hallam, and from that time on the old but trite saying of "love at first sight" seems to be the only one which properly describes their courtship. At her home yesterday Mrs. Hallam's sister said that the wedding would not take piace before late this fall or early next spring. She said she thought they would make their home in New-York.

Mrs. Hallam was born in Brooklyn not quite twenty-seven years ago, and for many years lived in Willoughby-ave. For the last seven years she has been the contrailto soloist at the Church of the Holy Trinity in this city. She is a member of the Chiropean Club, of the Eastern District.

THE DIVORCE MILL BUSY.

Several undefended divorce cases were tried before Justice Clement in the Supreme Court yester

day, and in most of the cases decrees were granted to the plaintiffs. Emma L. Deshong asked for a decree of abosiute divorce from Maurice W. Deshong, to whom she was married on January 1, 1876 Mrs. Deshong testified that she has not lived with her husband for seven years, and that she has not seen him in four years. Justice Clement adjourned the case to allow the production of further proof.

Justice Clement granted a decree of absolute

BUT THE MOTORMAN ESCAPED.

Mrs. James McKenna, of No. 130 Sixteenth-st., were thrown out and severely bruised. Michael Kane, the driver, was thrown a distance of several feet, and was picked up with a bad cut in his head. Eye witnesses to the accident say that the motorman was going at a high rate of speed considering the proximity of the funeral. The accident seems to have been brought about by a misunderstanding between the motorman and the driver of the coach. Kane says that he thought the trolley-car would slow up and let him pass, but instead the motorman kept right on, and made no attempt to stop until he saw that a cellision was inevitable. Mr. and Mrs. McKenna were taken into a store, and after their injuries were attended to were sent home. The carriage was damaged to the extent of £6. The trolley-car was not injured, but the passengers on board were considerably shaken up. that the motorman was going at a high rate